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C-SPAN SCHOOL BUS ROLLS INTO INDIANAPOLIS

INDIANAPOLIS – The C-SPAN School Bus will visit School 91, 5111 Evanston Ave., in Indianapolis on August 23 from 8 a.m.-noon. The bus will be open for free tours during that time.

State Reps. David Orentlicher and Greg Porter (both D-Indianapolis) are sponsoring the visit, along with the Indiana Cable Telecommunications Association. The purpose of the bus is to create a greater awareness of the free, educational services offered through the C-SPAN Classroom project for middle and high school government and civics classes. Through C-SPAN Classroom, students learn about the U.S. Constitution, our system of government, and how individuals can participate in the political process.

"The visit will be a great opportunity for teachers and students to get a hands-on feel for government through C-SPAN's programming," said Orentlicher. "This is the 13th year the C-SPAN School Bus has been on the road. It has visited all of the presidential libraries as well as all 50 states and their capital cities. We feel fortunate to have the bus available for our students and educators in Indianapolis."

"The bus also serves as a production vehicle during live programming during C-SPAN's remote broadcasts," explained Porter. "The mobile production studio will be quite interesting to tour. I encourage students, teachers, parents, and anyone else who is interested to take advantage of this opportunity to visit the bus to learn more about government and how to use the C-SPAN resources available to teach civics."

The C-SPAN Classroom website has a large library of video clips that fit well with national teaching standards. It features discussion questions, worksheets and related links. Educators can access primary source content to fit the particular topic they are teaching. The C-SPAN Classroom is a free service.

The C-SPAN School Bus allows educators the opportunity to learn about the C-SPAN Classroom, view models for classroom application, and better understand how these resources can be utilized while meeting the education standards in the state where the educator teaches.

For more information about the C-SPAN classroom, access www.c-spanclassroom.org. The C-SPAN School Bus website is www.c-span.org/schoolbus/index.asp. For more information about the Cable in the Classroom project, go to www.ciconline.org.

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